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SUBJECT: AMCIT IN ALBANIA JAMES LITSIKAS--WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED LITSIKAS CASE WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO TIRANA WHO IS CURRENTLY VISITING IN ROME. THE AMBASSADOR WAS UNAWARE OF THE CASE AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT UPON HIS RETURN TO TIRANA FEBRUARY 11. GIVEN FACT THAT ITALY DOES NOT FORMALLY REPRESENT UNITED STATES INTERESTS IN ALBANIA, AMBASSADOR WAS NOT SURE THAT THERE IS MUCH THAT HE CAN DO, BUT HE IS CURRENTLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA OF APPROACHING THE ALBANIANS ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. THE AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED THAT ANY POSSIBLE APPROACH IS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE A RESPONSE SINCE HIS PAST EXPERIENCE IN CASES OF THIS NATURE INVOLVING ITALIAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING AN ELDERLY WOMAN CURRENTLY SERVING A TEN-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE, IS THAT THE ALBANIANS SIMPLY FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE REPRESENTATION.

2. AS ALTERNATE MEANS TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED INFORMATION FROM ALBANIA, THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT APPROACHES BE MADE TO THE ALBANIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE ALBANIAN ETHNIC ASSOCIATION LOCATED IN SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS THAT HAS REMAINED SYMPATHETIC TO THE HOXHA REGIME.  
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